**Uranium mines to private sector**

1798. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give Uranium mines to the private sector for mining and processing;

(b) if so, the mines which Government propose to privatize and the reasons therefor;

(c) for how many years this contract would be given and the quantity they would process;

(d) whom they would sell the finished Uranium; and

(e) how Government would ensure safety in the Uranium processing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No policy decision has yet been taken in this regard.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

**PPP model for exploration of Uranium Oxide**

1799. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country has an established Uranium oxide reserve of 1,17,800 metric tonnes;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to have a Private Public Partnership (PPP) model for exploration and exploitation of Uranium for domestic use particularly with the Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL);

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government have taken so far to set up/operate viable projects in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The Atomic Minerals Directorate for